Declaration of Onam day as a public holiday throughout the State.

* 752 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received copy of a resolution passed at a Malayalee Conference held on 21st March 1953 at Madras under the auspices of the Kerala Samaj, requesting the Government to declare Onam day as a public holiday throughout the State; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that 'Onam' is the national day of rejoicing for Malayalees throughout the State and in view of the fact that hundreds and hundreds of Malayalees are employed in Government offices of this State and in view of the fact that Tamil New Years' Day and Telugu New Years' Day are declared as public holidays (I am glad at it), will the Hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether he will declare the 'Onam' which is a national day of rejoicing for Malayalees, as a public holiday? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This day, viz., 'Onam' is declared a public holiday so far as Malabar district is concerned. It might be there are thousands and thousands and not hundreds of Malayalees who are employed in Government offices. That is why they are permitted to take leave and enjoy the 'Onam' on that day."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" கிருஷ்ண ஜெயந்திக்கும், சிவராத்திரிக்கும் லீவ் விடும் இந்த சர்க்கார், மலையாளிகளின் சௌகரியத்திற்காக ஓணம் பண்டிகைக்கு என் லீவ் விடக்கூடாது ? தமிழ் வருஷப் பிறப்புக்கும், தெலுங்கு வருஷப்பிறப்புக்கும் இங்கு லீவ் விடப்படுகிறது என்று அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். இந்த லீவ் மலையாள நாட்டில் அனுசரிக்கப்படுகிறதா என்று நான் அவரைக் கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" அங்கத்தினரைக் கேட்கக்கூடாது. இதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் முன்பே பதில் சொல்லிவிட்டார்கள்.

" The Hon. Minister has already answered the question."

Provision of Highway roads with dustless surface for the Kanhangad Panchayat.

* 753 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Kanhangad Panchayat Board in South Kanara district on 29th May 1953 requesting the Government to provide the highway roads in the Panchayat area with dustless surface; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?